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MIKE HAD THIS CAPER FIGURED OUT JUST RIGHT! THAT COP'LL NEVER FIND OUT WHO PULLED THIS JOB!

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JIM NORMAN AFTER

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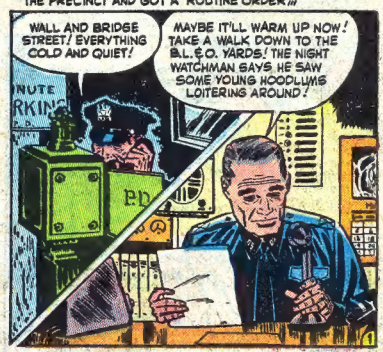
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OFFICIAL ROUTINE, STRICT REGULATIONS AND FAITHFUL DUTY, ALL COMING TO AN END IN A BLAZE OF VIOLENCE! PATROLMAN DAN BRENNAN THOUGHT OF MANY THINGS IN THOSE FLEETING SECONDS! MAINLY, HE THOUGHT THAT IF HE DIED NOW, HIS SON MIGHT GAIN A MEASURE OF RESPECT FOR...

THE MAN IN BLUE

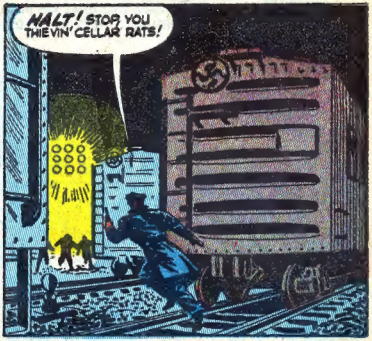
PATROLMAN DAN BRENNAN CELEBRATED HIS 21ST YEAR ON THE FORCE BY POUNDING A LONELY BEAT IN A MIDWESTERN CITY! THE YEAR WAS 1946...

AT EXACTLY 1:00 A.M., OFFICER BRENNAN CHECKED IN WITH THE PRECINCT AND GOT A ROUTINE ORDER...


WALL AND BRIDGE STREET! EVERYTHING COLD AND QUIET!
MAYBE IT'LL WARM UP NOW! TAKE A WALK DOWN TO THE B.L.&O. YARDS! THE NIGHT WATCHMAN SAYS HE SAW SOME YOUNG HOODLUMS LOITERING AROUND!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS DAN BRENNAN CROSSED THE OVERPASS AT THE B.L.&O. YARDS...

AS BRENNAN WRIGGLED BETWEEN THE CARS, THE HOODLUMS HEARD HIM AND SCATTERED SWIFTLY...

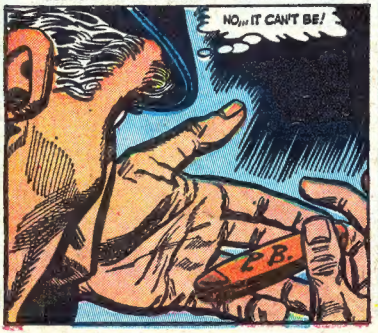


KIDS... THAT'S ALL THEY ARE... YOUNG HOODLUMS! I COULDN'T SHOOT THEM, OR CATCH THEM EITHER! IT'S THEIR PARENTS WHO NEED A SOUND THRASHING!

HMMM... THEY BROKE THE SEAL! I'LL HAVE TO ROUND UP THE YARD MAN SO HE CAN REPLACE IT! KIDS! THEY OUGHT TO BE IN BED AT THIS HOUR!
WESTERN PACIFIC

AS DAN BRENNAN STARTED TO LEAVE, HIS EYE CAUGHT THE FLASH OF A GLEAMING OBJECT ON THE GROUND...

HE PICKED IT UP, AND SUDDENLY, AN ICY HAND CLUTCHED HIS HEART AND HIS FEET FELT LIKE LEAD! HIS THROAT WAS SUDDENLY DRY AND EMOTION TORE THROUGH HIM...



DAN BRENNAN ARRIVED HOME, A CRUSHED, BROKEN, AND STUNNED MAN! IT WAS 3:00 A.M. BUT HE WOKE UP THE SON WHO WAS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE...

PAUL, ANSWER ME TRUTHFULLY! THIS IS THE KNIFE I GAVE YOU! WERE YOU AT THE B.L.&O. YARDS TONIGHT?
ANSWER ME! I FOUND THIS KNIFE NEAR A FREIGHT CAR THREE HOODLUMS WERE CRACKING! WERE YOU THERE?
YEAH... I WAS THERE! SO WHAT! NOW LAY OFF ME! I WANT TO GO TO SLEEP!
FOR THE FIRST TIME DAN BRENNAN STRUCK HIS SON! RAGE, LOVE, HUMILIATION BOILED TOGETHER IN THAT BLOW...
IS THAT WHY I'VE BEEN A MOTHER AND A FATHER TO YOU? IS THAT WHY I WORK LIKE A HORSE TO KEEP YOU DECENT AND CLEAN AND HONEST?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT... DEEP DOWN INSIDE OF ME, MAYBE YOU'D BE ON THE FORCE SOMEDAY, PAUL! IT WOULD HAVE MADE ME GLAD!
DAN BRENNAN LAY AWAKE AND WATCHED THE DAWN FILTER THROUGH THE SHADES! HE WAS NUMB INSIDE, BUT AS THE SUN CAME UP...
POP... I'M SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT! I CAME IN TO TELL YOU I'M SORRY!
COME HERE, SON! I'M GETTING OLD NOW... I NEVER REALIZED IT TILL LAST NIGHT!
LET'S FORGET IT, SON! I WANT YOU TO GO TO COLLEGE LIKE WE PLANNED! I WANT YOU TO HAVE EVERYTHING I DIDN'T HAVE, PAUL!
OKAY, POP! I WISH I'D GONE SOON AS I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL! I'LL GO... IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER!
THAT FALL YOUNG PAUL BRENNAN WENT TO COLLEGE ON THE MONEY DAN HAD SAVED BY FRUGAL LIVING AND HARD WORK, AND A SPARK OF HOPE WAS LEFT IN DAN BRENNAN...
JIM, I'M TELLING YOU IT'S A GREAT THING, EDUCATION! THE BOY IS DOING FINE... GOOD MARKS... GOOD BEHAVIOR... AND HE'S GOING TO AMOUNT TO SOMETHING SOMEDAY!
NOT LIKE US OLD WORK HORSES, EH, DAN? BUT THEN WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING A POLICEMAN? IT'S THE MOST HONORABLE PROFESSION IN THE WORLD, I ALWAYS SAY!
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TWO YEARS PASSED AND DAN BRENNAN'S NEST EGG DWINDLED TO NOTHING! HE COULDN'T EARN ENOUGH TO KEEP PAUL IN SCHOOL...

THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION ... I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ON A SIDE JOB!

SO, AFTER DOING A TWELVE HOUR TOUR OF DUTY, DAN BRENNAN TOOK ON THE ADDITIONAL JOB OF A NIGHT WATCHMAN, AND PAUL WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE AT COLLEGE...

DAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, BUT I HAVE A GREAT ADMIRATION FOR YOU! YOU'RE DOING A FINE THING FOR THE BOY, AT A GREAT SACRIFICE TO YOURSELF!

THANKS, MR. NUMBER ... BUT I DON'T MIND AT ALL. I'VE HAD MY CHANCES... NOW I WANT TO SEE MY BOY GET SOME BREAKS!

THE HAPPIEST DAY IN DAN'S LIFE CAME WHEN HIS SON GRADUATED!

THAT'S MY SON GETTING HIS DIPLOMA NOW! I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF HIM!

THEY'RE A FINE LOT OF YOUNGSTERS!

THEY HAD A LONG TALK TOGETHER, DAN AND THE BOY, BUT SOMEHOW DAN SENSED THE OLD HOSTILITY RETURNING TO PAUL'S ATTITUDE...

YOU KNOW, PAUL... I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE! A MAN WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION CAN GO FAR ON THE FORCE!

POP, THE FORCE IS NO PLACE FOR ME! I STUDIED BANKING AND FINANCE!

THE LAST SPARK OF HOPE WHICH DAN BRENNAN NURTURED IN HIS HEART FLICKERED OUT IN 1950. IN ITS PLACE THERE CAME A DREAD FEAR FOR HIS SON'S FUTURE...

PAUL, I SAW YOU GETTING OUT OF NICK COSTA'S CAR! COSTA IS A GANGSTER WITH A BLACK REPUTATION! NO DECENT MAN WOULD BE SEEN WITH HIM!

POP, NICK COSTA IS MY BOSS! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HIS REPUTATION, GOOD OR BAD! I'M HIS FINANCIAL ADVISER AND ACCOUNTANT!

I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR HIM SINCE I GOT OUT OF COLLEGE! I HAVE A LEGITIMATE JOB WITH HIM, AND I'M GOING TO KEEP IT!

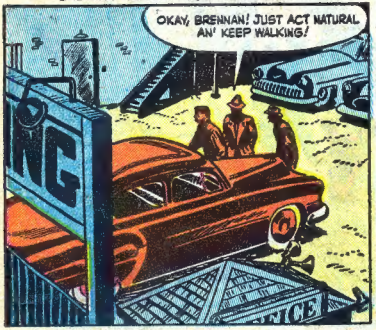
EVERY CENT YOU TAKE FROM HIM IS BLOOD MONEY! YOU'VE GOT A JOB WITH A KILLER!

PATROLMAN DAN BRENNAN HID HIS DOUBTS AND WORRIES! HE HID THEM FROM THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL HIS SON WAS SOON TO MARRY, FOR EVEN SHE DIDN'T KNOW...

BUT WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT PAUL? HE HAS A WONDERFUL POSITION... BIG PAY... A FINE FUTURE! I DON'T KNOW WHO HE WORKS FOR, BUT HE TOLD ME SO!

YOU'RE A FINE GIRL, SUE! I DON'T SUPPOSE PAUL *WOULD* TELL YOU ABOUT HIS JOB! MAYBE SOMEDAY HE'LL COME TO HIS SENSES!

AND THAT FATEFUL DAY CAME SOONER THAN ANYONE THOUGHT! IT CAME ON NOVEMBER 7TH, 1950, AS PAUL BRENNAN WALKED INTO A PARKING LOT...



SO YOU'RE THE COLLEGE BOY WHO KEEPS NICK COSTA'S BOOKS, EH? MICKEY FROST'S MY NAME! YOU AN' ME CAN WORK OUT A DEAL IF YOU WANT TO PLAY BALL!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

I WANT COSTA'S CUSTOMER LIST, SONNY BOY! YOU'RE GONNA SPIEL OFF EVERY NAME ON THE LIST!
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME! IF YOU WANT THAT LIST, ASK NICK COSTA FOR IT!

PAUL BRENNAN'S REWARD FOR LOYALTY AND SILENCE CAME A FEW HOURS LATER, WHEN HIS LIMP BODY ROLLED DOWN AN EMBANKMENT NEAR BRIDGE STREET...

AND THE SPARK OF LIFE THAT WAS LEFT IN PAUL BRENNAN SPUTTERED FAINTLY IN THE ARMS OF HIS FATHER...

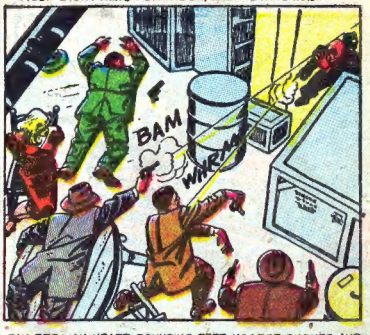
MEANWHILE, IN AN OCCUPIED WAREHOUSE AT LIBERTY AND FRONT STREETS...

HE KNOWS WE GOT HER AS A HOSTAGE! HE'LL BE BACK WITH COSTA'S LIST BY MORNING... IF HE'S ALIVE!
WE GAVE HIM A GOOD GOIN' OVER, BUT HE'LL LIVE!

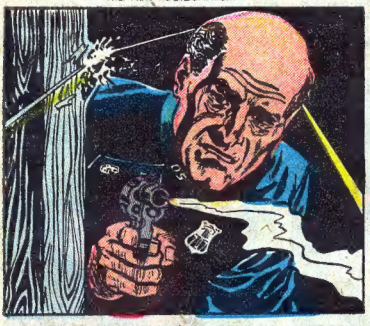
25 YEARS ON THE FORCE! WHAT A WAY TO END A CAREER... BUT DAN BRENNAN WAS ***READY*** TO END IT... WITH HIS LIFE IF NECESSARY...

THINGS HAPPENED TOO FAST FOR DAN BRENNAN TO RECOLLECT DETAILS! RAGE, INDIGNATION AND HATRED MOTIVATED HIS ACTIONS...

THE VETERAN POLICEMAN... THE GUY WHO HAD MADE ROUTINE ARRESTS... THE GOOD FATHER WHO HAD SACRIFICED EVERYTHING FOR A SON, WAS FIGHTING MAD...



WHATEVER SEETHED THROUGH DAN BRENNAN'S PAIN-RACKED BODY, HIS HAND WAS STRANGELY STEADY AND HIS AIM DELIBERATE...



DAN BRENNAN HEARD POUNDING FEET, HOARSE SHOUTS AND A FLURRY OF SHOTS! IT WAS GOOD TO LAY DOWN ON THE COLD FLOOR! IT WAS GOOD TO KNOW EVERYTHING WAS OVER!

PATROLMAN DAN BRENNAN WAS A HERO! YOU COULD TELL BY THE FLOWERS HEAPED IN HIS HOSPITAL WARD... BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL WAS WHAT PAUL SAID THAT DAY...

POP... SUE AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING THINGS OVER! I'VE SENT IN MY APPLICATION FOR THE FORCE! I FIGURE NOW THAT BEING ON THE FORCE IS LIKE BEING A DOCTOR OR A LAWYER... YOU'RE PART OF AN HONORABLE PROFESSION! THAT'S WHAT I WANT!
AND IF HE THOUGHT ANY DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THE FORCE, WELL... I WOULDN'T BE MRS. PAUL BRENNAN RIGHT NOW!

ON MAY 14TH, 1951, PATROLMAN DAN BRENNAN PROUDLY TOOK A ROOKIE COP OVER A ROUTINE BEAT...

WELL, I'LL HAVE TO RING IN AT THE NEXT BOX! YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN THEN, OFFICER BRENNAN!
YESSIR! AND WHEN YOU GET HOME, YOU CAN TELL MRS. BRENNAN TO BE READY! WE'VE GOT TIME FOR A MOVIE WHEN I GET OFF DUTY!

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN TRUE CRIME CASES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

HELLO, BOB-HAVE YOU FOUND THAT UNDERSEAS TREASURE?

GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH! OR PREMIUMS!

HECK NO! THERE'S NO TREASURE DOWN HERE!

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WHADDAYA WASTIN' YOUR TIME DOWN THERE FOR? LOOK AT MY NEW TREASURES!

GOSH, SAM! WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?

WHAT SAM TOLD THEM

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FINE! I'LL TAKE 2 BOXES, SAM-

BOY! ALL THOSE SWELL PREMIUMS AS EASY AS THAT!

HURRY! LET'S SEND IN OUR COUPONS RIGHT AWAY!

THAT'S RIGHT, KIDS! IT'S AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG!

LET'S GO!

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BEYOND THE LAW!

ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 17, 1925, THE CROOKED GAMES IN ACE CARTOW'S PLUSHY GAMBLING CASINO WERE TAKING THE SUCKERS' MONEY JUST AS FAST AS THEY PLACED THEIR BETS! IT WAS A BIG NIGHT...

WHAT A CROWD, HUH, ACE?

YEAH, FLIPPER! AN' THIS IS ONE JOINT THAT DONOVAN AIN'T GONNA FIND TO RAID!

IT WAS ONLY COINCIDENCE, BUT AT THE MENTION OF THE DETECTIVE'S NAME, HIS FAMILIAR KNOCK CAME CRASHING THRU THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CASINO...

IT'S A RAID!

PUT THE AXES TO WORK ON THOSE TABLES AND THOSE ONE-ARMED BANDITS!

IT'S THAT DONOVAN AGAIN!

THIS IS THE *THIRD* JOINT OF YOURS HE'S WRECKING, ACE... AN' IT'S GONNA BE HIS *LAST!*

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DONOVAN HAD HIS AX RAISED TO SMASH A ROULETTE WHEEL, WHEN HE SPOTTED ACE'S TORPEDO DIPPING FOR HIS ROD...
SO NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE AX, FLIPPER!
OWWW!
ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE, ACE?
YOU KNOW I NEVER PACK A HEATER!
AND YOU KNOW THAT OPERATING A GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT IS AGAINST THE LAW, ACE. SO LET'S GO FOR A RIDE TO THE STATION!
YOU CAN'T PIN A RAP ON ME! I WAS JUST A CUSTOMER IN THERE LIKE ALL THE OTHER SUCKERS!
THAT'S THE SAME SONG YOU YODELED WHEN I RAIDED YOUR TWO OTHER DENS!
YEAH! IT'S A FAVORITE TUNE OF MINE... BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T PROVE I OWNED THOSE PLACES AN' YOU CAN'T PROVE I BOSSED THIS ONE!
POLICE DEPT.
AND ACE CARTOW WAS RIGHT! AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, DONOVAN COULDN'T MAKE THE CHARGE STICK BECAUSE OF LACK OF EVIDENCE...
SO ALL I CAN DO, DONOVAN, IS FINE HIM FIFTY DOLLARS FOR BEING IN A GAMBLING PLACE!
AND HERE'S THE FIFTY! CAN I GO NOW?
GO AHEAD... GET OUT! BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP RAIDING AND WRECKING YOUR CLIP JOINTS AND DRAGGING YOU IN HERE UNTIL I MAKE A RAP STICK!
YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME FOR NOTHIN' MOREN A PETTY FINE! I'M BEYOND THE LAW!
NOBODY'S BEYOND THE LAW! AND I'M GOING TO MAKE IT MY PERSONAL BUSINESS TO PROVE THAT TO YOU!
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ACE OPENED UP OTHER GAMBLING CASINOS AFTER THAT...
AND DONOVAN RAIDED AND WRECKED THEM...
BUT I CAN'T HOLD HIM, COMMISSIONER! HE DOESN'T KEEP RECORDS AND I CAN'T PROVE HE OWNS THE JOINTS I CATCH HIM IN! HE'S ALWAYS BEYOND THE LAW!
SURE, DONOVAN... THEY ALL ARE UNTIL THEY MAKE ONE MISTAKE! AND ACE WILL MAKE HIS!
DONOVAN LOST TRACK OF ACE AFTER THAT FOR OVER A MONTH AND HE WAS WORRIED AS HE TOURED THE CITY FROM DOWNTOWN TO THE DOCKS IN HIS PROWL CAR...
THAT RAT IS UP TO SOMETHING ROTTEN ...AND I WISH I KNEW WHAT IT IS!
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ASK HIM, LIEUTENANT... BECAUSE THERE'S ACE NOW, COMING IN ON THAT MOTOR LAUNCH!
WELL, WELL, A RECEPTION COMMITTEE! YOU SAVED ME A TRIP, DONOVAN, BECAUSE I WAS JUST GOING TO DROP IN AND SEE YOU... TO CONFESS THAT I DO OWN AND OPERATE A GAMBLING CASINO!
QUIT PLAYING MOUSY, ACE! WHAT'S THE PUNCH LINE TO THAT GAG?
HERE... TAKE A SQUINT THROUGH THESE... OUT THAT WAY!
A YACHT... A BIG ONE!
YEAH... THAT'S MY NEW FLOATING GAMBLING CASINO... AND IT'S OUTSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT, DONOVAN... BEYOND THE LAW!
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IF IT SLIPS...IF IT CHAFES...IF IT GRIPES...THEN

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YOUR ROULETTE WHEEL IS FIXED! I SAW THE OPERATOR AT THE TABLE PRESS THE CONTROLS... AND I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
CERTAINLY, MR. BAKER ...STEP THIS WAY.
YOU'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF IN HERE!
DUMP HIM OVERBOARD!
SOME FLEECED CUSTOMERS WENT TO THE POLICE...
BUT I LOST OVER TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ON HIS CROOKED WHEELS! YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
WE CAN'T! HIS BOAT IS ANCHORED OUTSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT... BEYOND THE LAW!
SOME UNLUCKY CUSTOMERS DIDN'T GO TO THE POLICE... OR DIDN'T COMPLAIN...
MY HUSBAND! STOP HIM! HE'S GOING TO... OH-H-H!
AND EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, AFTER DUTY, LT. DONOVAN SAT ON THE DOCKS LOOKING OUT TOWARD THE DAZZLING LIGHTS OF THE GAMBLING BOAT, TRYING TO FIGURE A WAY HE COULD MAKE JUSTICE REACH OUT BEYOND THE LAW!
THERE MUST BE A WAY... AND I'VE GOT TO FIND IT!

LT. DONOVAN NEVER LET UP! HE PESTERED LAWYERS TO FIND LOOPHOLES IN ACE'S SETUP...
IT'S NO USE, DONOVAN! IF HE'S OUTSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT, YOU CAN'T TOUCH HIM!
HEY! MAYBE HE ISN'T THREE MILES OUT!
HE HAD THE HARBOR POLICE MEASURE THE DISTANCE FROM SHORE TO BOAT...
WELL?
IT'S 15,890 FEET ... AND THERE'S 5,280 FEET TO A MILE ... SO ACE HAS GOT FIFTY FEET TO SPARE!
THAT DIDN'T STOP DONOVAN! HE ASKED QUESTIONS AROUND THE DOCKS, ESPECIALLY OF THE OLD SEAMEN! AND WHAT HE FOUND OUT FROM ONE MADE HIS SHIELD SHIVER...
ARE YOU SURE?
OF COURSE! I'VE BEEN SAILIN' THE SEAS SINCE I WAS TWELVE!
AT THAT SAME TIME, ACE WAS MAKING MORE MONEY THAN HE'D EVER MADE IN ONE NIGHT BEFORE...
BUT I DON'T LIKE IT, ACE! THAT'S "UGLY BOY" BRANNER THE EAST COAST MOBSTER WHO'S LOSING THE WAD!
SO WHAT? HE AND HIS GANG WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE AS LONG AS THEY DON'T KNOW THE WHEELS ARE FIXED!
I NEVER SAW MY LUCK RUN SO BAD! I'M OUT OVER A HUNDRED GRAND! BUT I'M GONNA PLAY UNTIL I GET IT BACK!
HERE'S YOUR DRINK, BOSS! OOOPS!
GEE, I'M SORRY, BOSS!
I'M NOT! LOOK AT THE SPARKS! THE DRINK FELL ON HIDDEN WIRES AND CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT! THIS WHEEL'S WIRED!
HE'S RIPPIN' THE JOINT APART! GIVE ME YOUR GAT... AND GET ON THE SHIP-TO-SHORE PHONE AND CALL THE COPS!
LAY OFF WRECKIN' MY PLACE, "UGLY BOY"! I SAID LAY OFF, YA GORILLA!
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THE GUN BLAST STARTED A WAR, AND THE GAMBLING HALL WAS CRISSCROSSED WITH FLYING LEAD!
BLAM!
BUT BEFORE THE WAR GOT MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES OLD, LT. DONOVAN AND HIS BLUE-COATS CAME ABOARD AND BROKE IT UP...
YA GOT HERE FAST! I JUST SENT FOR YA A FEW MINUTES AGO!
I DIDN'T GET YOUR MESSAGE AND I DIDN'T COME TO HELP YOU! I CAME TO ARREST YOU FOR OPERATING A GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENT!
WHAT? YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME BEYOND THE THREE-MILE LIMIT!
THAT'S RIGHT ... BUT YOUR BOAT IS THREE STATUTE, OR LAND MILES OUT!
...AND THE LAW STATES THAT THE THREE MILES MUST BE MEASURED IN NAUTICAL MILES!
SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE I'M STILL THREE MILES OUT!
THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THERE ARE 5,280 FEET IN A STATUTE MILE... AND 6,080 FEET IN A NAUTICAL MILE! SO YOU'RE ANCHORED OVER 2,000 FEET SHORT AND STILL IN TERRITORIAL WATERS... AND NOT BEYOND THE LAW!
SO YA FINALLY OUTSMARTED ME, HUH?
THAT'LL MAKE TWO OF US... 'CAUSE BEFORE I KICK, I'M GONNA GIVE YA THIS!
BLAM!
LIKE I SAID, DONOVAN... Y-YOU WIN!
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY CRIMINALS GET BEYOND THE LAW!
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TOD HUNTER looked down at the dead man, and his jaw tightened.

"Pop Hunter was a good soul. He never hurt anyone in his whole life. Any rat who would kill an old blind man for a few hundred dollars deserves to die in the electric chair, and by Jove, I'm going to catch him if it takes the rest of my life."

"Excuse me, Lieutenant Hunter," said the police sergeant, "but we picked up this kid in the pool hall. Name is Cal Johnson. We found two hundred dollars on him, this blackjack, and he's got a long scratch on his arm that might have come from the stickpin we found in the dead man's hand. He's got no alibi for the hour that the coroner claims the death blow took place."

Tod looked at the tough kid. He was from one of the neighborhood gangs, the kind that slums invariably spawn, but he didn't look like a bad kid. Scared, was more how he looked.

"Did you do it, kid?" asked detective Hunter.

"No. Honest, I swear I didn't. I was out takin' a walk through the park. I wasn't anywhere near here. Tony Blair gave me the dough to hold for him. An' — an' this scratch . . . I did it by accident. I swear. I caught my arm on a nail."

Sergeant Knowles snarled at the kid: "Yeah? An' that blackjack. What about that?"

"Cripes. All the kids carry 'em. I gotta be able to defend myself, ain't I?"

Tod told the sergeant to take the boy back to the station-house for further questioning. Then he went back to thinking about poor Pop Jenks. Tod had known Jenks for many years. They were good friends, especially since Tod himself had been blind in his youth, and they had much in common. Pop Jenks had become blinded later in life, when a hit-and-run-driver had smashed him up. It was Tod Hunter who had taught the old man to move around without the use of his eyes, and it was Tod who had gotten him this newsstand on the corner of Third and Main.

He studied the figure of the old man, carefully. And the position and the arrangement of things in the newsstand. Somehow he had the feeling that Cal Johnson, one of the neighborhood's toughest kids, had not killed the old man. He didn't know why he felt that way, but he did.

He picked up the crumpled newspaper that had been clutched in Pop's hand when they found him. It was crumpled tight as if the old man was trying to grasp at the last shred of life with all his elderly strength. Tod spread the paper out, smoothing it carefully. Then, suddenly, a look of amazement spread over his face. He looked at pop's position, and then down at the paper again, and he stood up straight. He had found a clue.

He walked up to the corner tobacco store and called headquarters to find the address of Tony Blair, the man that Cal had claimed gave him the money to hold. Then he hailed a cab and told the driver: "360 Morgan Street, and hurry!"

Ten minutes later he was in front of an old ramshackle tenement building in the heart of the slum district. He paid the cabbie, and walked upstairs. On the third floor he stopped and listened at the door to apartment 3-C. It was quiet, but he could hear faint sounds of someone moving around. That would be Tony Blair — killer of old men, if Hunter was right.

He took his gun out of the shoulder holster and slid it into his right hand coat pocket, then — with his left hand — he knocked on the door.

"Who's there?"

"Telegram, Western Union."

"Slip it under the door."

"Can't, mister. You gotta sign for it."

"Oh, all right. Just a minnit."

The door opened a crack, and Tod saw a slit-eyed red face through it.

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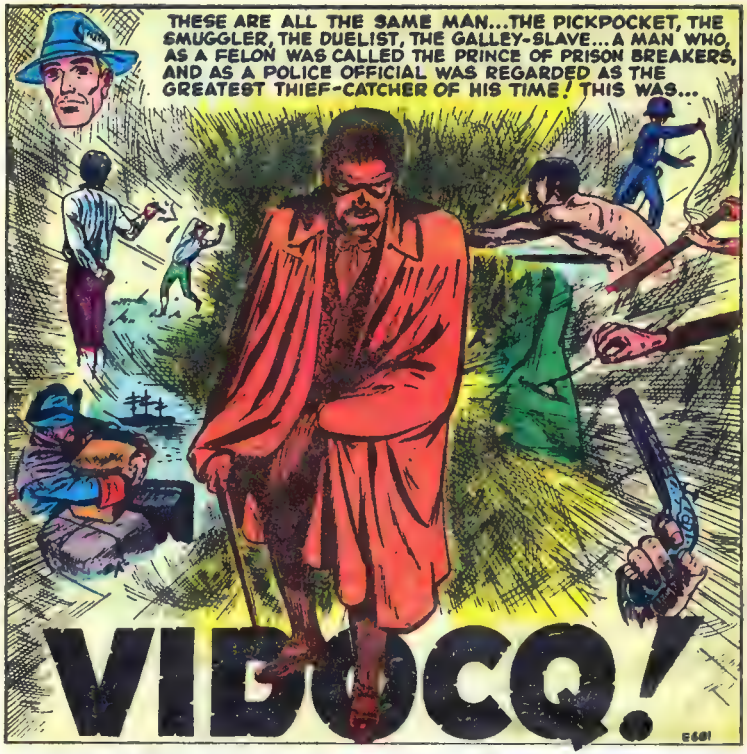
THESE ARE ALL THE SAME MAN...THE PICKPOCKET, THE SMUGGLER, THE DUELIST, THE GALLEY-SLAVE...A MAN WHO, AS A FELON WAS CALLED THE PRINCE OF PRISON BREAKERS, AND AS A POLICE OFFICIAL WAS REGARDED AS THE GREATEST THIEF-CATCHER OF HIS TIME! THIS WAS...
VIDOCQ!
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BORN IN ARRAS, FRANCE, IN 1775, FRANCOIS VIDOCQ WAS PUT TO WORK AT AN EARLY AGE IN HIS FATHER'S BAKERY SHOP...

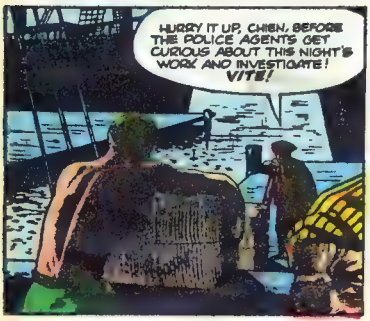
INFLUENCED BY BAD COMPANIONS IN HIS HOME TOWN, YOUNG VIDOCQ RIFLED THE CASH DRAWER IN HIS FATHER'S SHOP ONE NIGHT, PLANNING TO RUN AWAY TO SEA...

BUT INSTEAD OF GOING TO SEA, VIDOCQ JOINED THE ARMY AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN! HE WAS ALREADY SIX FEET TALL!

EVER READY FOR A QUARREL, VIDOCQ GOT THE NICKNAME OF "RECKLESS", AND WITHIN SIX MONTHS HE FOUGHT IN FIFTEEN DUELS...

IN TWO OF THESE PISTOL DUELS, HE KILLED HIS OPPONENTS...

DESERTING THE ARMY, THE YOUNG FRENCHMAN FLED TO BELGIUM, WHERE HE ENGAGED IN A LUCRATIVE SMUGGLING TRAFFIC OF MUSLIN AND TOBACCO...

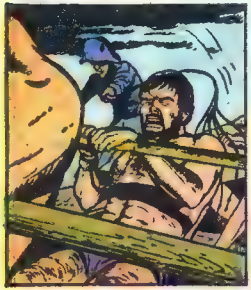


ONE NIGHT, THE POLICE SWARMED OVER THE DOCK AREA AND CAUGHT VIDOCQ IN THEIR NET...

VIDOCQ HAD NO INTENTION OF SERVING A LONG PRISON SENTENCE...

HIS FRIEND ANDRE HAD MANAGED TO SNEAK IN A COMPLETE POLICE GUARD'S UNIFORM, PIECE BY PIECE, AND SO, ONE DAY, FRANCOIS VIDOCQ WALKED CALMLY OUT OF THE FRONT GATE OF THE PRISON!

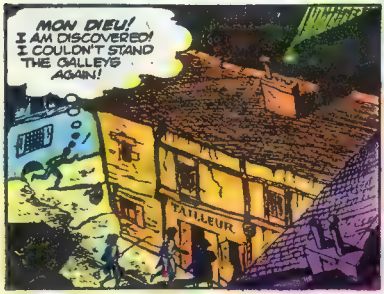
AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BACK IN FRANCE, VIDOCQ WAS AGAIN CAUGHT AND CONVICTED! AS AN ARMY DESERTER, HE WAS CONDEMNED TO SERVE EIGHT YEARS AS A GALLEY SLAVE!.



VIDOCQ WAS NOT CALLED THE PRINCE OF PRISON-BREAKERS FOR NOTHING! HE MANAGED TO OBTAIN A FILE WITH WHICH HE GRADUALLY CUT THROUGH HIS SHACKLES..

HAVING ALSO OBTAINED A SAILOR'S SHIRT, TROUSERS AND A WIG FROM ANOTHER CONVICT WHO WAS A TRUSTY, VIDOCQ CALMLY WALKED ASHORE WITH THE SAILORS GOING ON LEAVE...

VIDOCQ, AT THIS TIME, HAD A GENUINE DESIRE TO REFORM, AND HE WENT TO PARIS WHERE HE WORKED AS A TAILOR! INFORMED BY ONE OF HIS ENEMIES THAT THE TAILOR WAS A FUGITIVE FROM THE GALLEYS, THE POLICE CAME LOOKING FOR HIM ONE DAY...



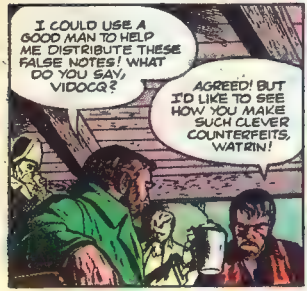
I AM TIRED OF THIS CONSTANT PURSUIT! THERE IS BUT ONE THING I CAN DO! I'LL APPEAL TO MONSIEUR HENRI, CHIEF OF POLICE, TO ACCEPT MY SERVICES AS A POLICE SPY!

SURRENDERING TO POLICE CHIEF HENRI, VIDOCQ OFFERED HIS SERVICES AND HE WAS ACCEPTED..

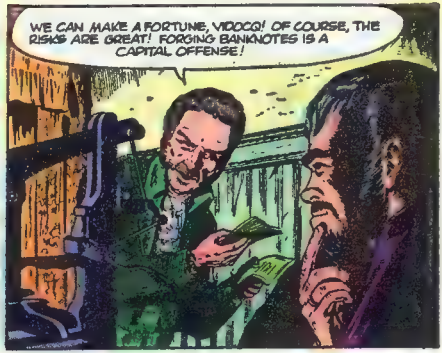
BUT REMEMBER, VIDOCQ..YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO JUSTICE EVERY MONTH A CERTAIN MINIMUM OF CULPRITS! OTHERWISE, BACK TO THE GALLEYS YOU GO!

SO THE REFORMED THIEF WAS SET LOOSE AMONG CUTTHROATS! IN APPEARANCE, HE WAS HIMSELF A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW... BUT IN REALITY, HE WAS A POLICE SPY...

HAVING ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION AS A MASTER THIEF AND A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW, VIDOCQ WAS OFTEN TAKEN INTO THE CONFIDENCE OF DESPERATE CRIMINALS! THERE WAS *WATRIN*, UNDER SUSPICION OF COINING AND FORGING BANKNOTES...


I COULD USE A GOOD MAN TO HELP ME DISTRIBUTE THESE FALSE NOTES! WHAT DO YOU SAY, VIDOCQ?
AGREED! BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW YOU MAKE SUCH CLEVER COUNTERFEITS, WATRIN!

SO THE UNSUSPECTING FORGER SWALLOWED THE BAIT...



VIDOCQ WAS FAR AWAY AT THE OTHER END OF PARIS THE NEXT EVENING, WHEN THE POLICE BROKE INTO WATRIN'S SECRET HIDEOUT!

AND FOR THIS CAPITAL OFFENSE, WATRIN WAS HANGED! HE NEVER KNEW THAT A POLICE SPY HAD INFORMED ON HIM!

ON ANOTHER OCCASION, VIDOCQ WAS INVITED BY A THIEF NAMED ST GERMAIN TO JOIN WITH HIM AND A THIRD ROGUE IN ROBBING THE HOME OF A WEALTHY BANKER...

INFORMED IN ADVANCE, THE POLICE AMBUSHED THE THIEVES! VIDOCQ PLAYED HIS ROLE WELL AS THE TRAPPED THIEF WHO WAS "SHOT DOWN" BY THE OFFICERS...

VIDOCQ'S "CORPSE" WAS EVEN CARRIED OFF BEFORE THE EYES OF HIS TWO COMPANIONS...

FOR 18 YEARS, THE SKILL AND DARING OF VIDOCQ'S CAPTURES WERE WITHOUT PARALLEL! IN THAT TIME, IT IS SAID HE CLEARED THE SLUMS OF PARIS OF AT LEAST 20,000 CRIMINALS!

VIDOCQ RESIGNED FROM THE POLICE SERVICE IN 1827, AND STARTED HIS OWN PAPER FACTORY, EMPLOYING ONLY OLD CRIMINALS WHO HAD SERVED THEIR TIME IN PRISON! HE HOPED, IN THIS WAY, TO REHABILITATE MANY OF THEM!

WHEN HIS CAPITAL RAN SHORT, VIDOCQ HAD TO CLOSE HIS FACTORY! HE REJOINED THE POLICE IN 1830, BUT FELL VICTIM TO THE INTRIGUES OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND WAS UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF ORGANIZING A BURGLARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLVING THE CRIME, AND WAS THUS DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE...

SETTING UP A SECRET INFORMATION OFFICE, VIDOCQ WAS LATER ACCUSED OF EXTORTING MONEY FROM HIS CLIENTS, WHOSE SECRETS HE HAD LEARNED! ALTHOUGH HE WAS ACQUITTED, HE WAS BROUGHT DOWN TO THE VERGE OF FINANCIAL RUIN...

HE DECIDED TO TRY HIS FORTUNE AS A PUBLIC ENTERTAINER, AND IN 1845, HE WENT TO LONDON AND PRODUCED AN EXHIBITION BASED ON HIS OWN LIFE AND CAREER AS A THIEF AND GALLEY SLAVE, RELATING HIS MANY REMARKABLE ESCAPES! HE ALSO TOLD OF HIS CAREER WITH THE POLICE!

FRANCOIS VIDOCQ RETIRED TO PARIS, WHERE HE DIED OF A PARALYTIC STROKE AT THE AGE OF 82, IN THE YEAR 1857! ROGUE, THIEF, GALLEY SLAVE AND POLICE DETECTIVE, HIS NAME WILL ALWAYS HOLD A UNIQUE PLACE IN THE HISTORIC RECORDS OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS FRENCH SURETE!

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"Hey, you ain't no Western Union messenger. You're a—"

Tod threw his weight against the door, knocking the man into the room. "That's right, Mr. Tony Blair, I'm a cop."

"Whaddya want with me? I ain't done nothin'."

"Then what are you shaking for? If you haven't done anything, you've got nothing to be afraid of."

"Cripes, a guy goes straight, and you cops come around and try to pin somethin' on a guy. I know your kind. You gotta wind up a case, so you find a fall guy. Well you ain't goin' to pin nothin' on me. I don't care what it is. I'm goin' straight, see? I ain't done nothin' I—"

"Aw, shut up!"

Tony Blair glared at the detective.

"I want to ask you some questions," said Tod. "So, just sit down and make yourself comfortable. Where were you last night at about ten o'clock?"

"Home."

"I suppose you have witnesses . . ."

"Sure. Feeney Shore was here, and some of the boys. We were havin' a little sociable game of poker."

"You know something, Blair?" said Hunter, "those guys won't stand up in a court of law, as an alibi."

Blair leaped from his seat. "Whaddya mean, court? I told you, I ain't done nothin'. Whaddya tryin' to pin on me?"

"The murder of Pop Jenks, Blair. And I have proof that you did it."

"You're crazy! You—"

His face was livid with rage, and suddenly he leaped for Tod Hunter. He caught the detective in a surprise attack, and Hunter went down. Tod pretended to be unconscious to see what Blair would do.

"You ain't goin' to frame me, copper! I'll show you!" He came forward with a blackjack that he had pulled out of his back pock-

et, and moved towards the figure lying on the floor. "I'll pretty up that face of yours but good. I'll—"

Tod shot him in the arm without pulling the gun out of his pocket.

"A-R-R-R-R-G-H!"

"Stay right where you are, Blair, or the next one will be right in your belly."

"I didn't do it! You can't prove I did it!"

"We'll see, Blair. We'll see."

They arrived at the station house about fifteen minutes later. Sergeant Knowles stared at Tod's dishevelment, and at Blair's hand which was wrapped in a blood-soaked towel.

"What happened, Lieutenant?" he said.

"A little rumpus, that's all. Take this guy in, book him for murder, and let Cal Johnson go."

"But, Lieutenant, how—"

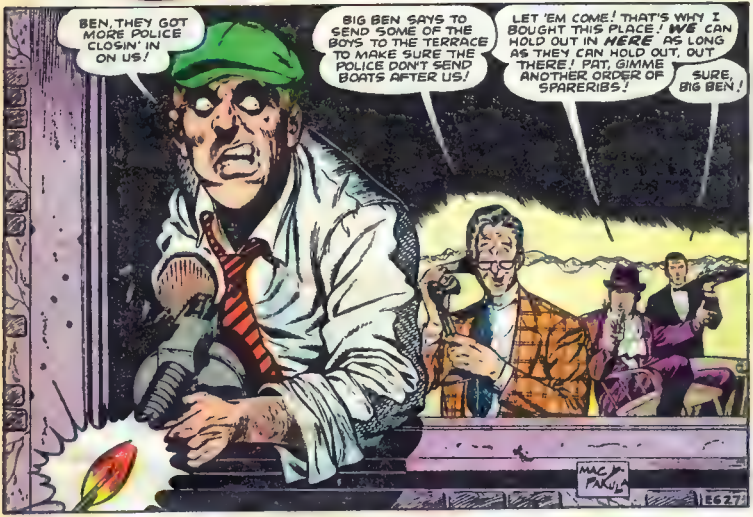
"It's all right, Sergeant. I have enough evidence to send this rat to the chair." He pulled out the piece of newspaper that had been found clutched in Pop's hand, and spread it out on the Sergeant's desk. "You see," he continued, "when I remembered that a stickpin was found in Pop's hand, it didn't mean anything until I happened to smooth out this piece of crumpled paper. When I did that, I felt these little raised dots, made by the pin on the paper. When Pop went blind, I taught him the braille system of reading and writing, for the blind. Well, he didn't die right away. He lived long enough to sign the death warrant of his murderer, and he did it in braille. This reads: 'Tony Blair did it. Get him'."

"So you can let Cal go, and don't be too easy on this rat. The only thing I'm sorry about is that I had to ruin a good coat by shooting at the louse."

THE END 9035

BIG BEN YAEGER WAS A TOP MAN IN THE MOBS! HE WAS BIG IN SIZE AND BIG IN POWER! AMONG THE FIRST TEN ON THE LIST OF PUBLIC ENEMIES, HE GLOATED IN THE FACT THAT THE POLICE WOULD NEVER GET HIM! YOU SEE HE HAD IT ALL FIGURED OUT, EVEN WHEN THE LAW HAD HIM AND HIS MOB COMPLETELY SURROUNDED AND AT BAY, IN THE...

SIEGE!


BEN, THEY GOT MORE POLICE CLOSIN' IN ON US!
BIG BEN SAYS TO SEND SOME OF THE BOYS TO THE TERRACE TO MAKE SURE THE POLICE DON'T SEND BOATS AFTER US!
LET 'EM COME! THAT'S WHY I BOUGHT THIS PLACE! WE CAN HOLD OUT IN HERE AS LONG AS THEY CAN HOLD OUT, OUT THERE! PAT, GIMME ANOTHER ORDER OF SPARERIBS!
SURE, BIG BEN!
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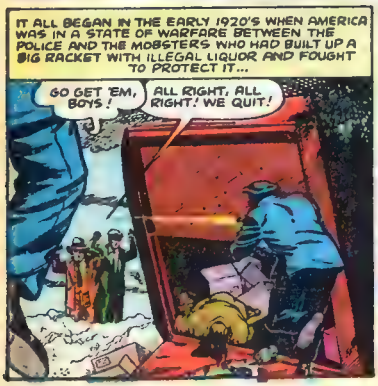

IT ALL BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1920'S WHEN AMERICA WAS IN A STATE OF WARFARE BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE MOBSTERS WHO HAD BUILT UP A BIG RACKET WITH ILLEGAL LIQUOR AND FOUGHT TO PROTECT IT...
GO GET 'EM, BOYS!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! WE QUIT!

BIG BEN YAEGER SEEMED TO LEAD A CHARMED LIFE! THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME HE HAD ESCAPED FROM THE POLICE TRAP! BUT IT HAD BEEN TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT...

CHICAGO'S TOO HOT FOR ME! I'M GETTIN' OUTA HERE AN' HEADIN' FOR NEW YORK! I'LL CUT MYSELF INTO ONE OF THE RACKETS THERE!

HE HAD ENOUGH TO HAVE HIS WOUND TAKEN CARE OF BY AN UNLICENSED DOCTOR JUST OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO...

THAT TAKES CARE OF IT, BEN! MY FEE'S TWO GRAND!

OKAY! IT'S WORTH IT TO ME!

ON APRIL 8, 1923, NEW YORK SAW THE ARRIVAL OF BIG BEN YAEGER...

HELLO, BEN! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' OUTA CHI?

I'M HERE TO TAKE OVER YOUR MOB AND YOUR TERRITORY, RED!

RED ARMSTRONG HAD THE TOUGHEST MOB ON NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE... AND THE TOUGHEST RACKET... PROTECTING THE BIG SHOTS IN THE GANGS FROM THE LAW! WHEN BEN DELIVERED HIS ULTIMATUM, RED DEMURRED...

JUST LIKE THAT, EH, BEN? THINK YOU'RE BIG ENOUGH?

PLENTY! AND I'LL TELL YA WHY! I'LL GUARANTEE THE BOYS IN THIS MOB THAT THEY'LL *NEVER* BE CAUGHT BY THE POLICE!

BEN HAD COME AT A GOOD TIME! THE POLICE HAD BEEN MAKING IT HOT FOR RED'S MEN, AND HE SEEMED TO BE LOSING HIS GRIP! THE MOBSTERS WERE GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT IT...

SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD TO *ME*, BEN... IF YOU CAN DELIVER! RED AIN'T GOT HIS OLD TOUCH ANY MORE!

LEW! YOU'RE KIDDIN'!

I AIN'T KIDDIN', RED!

AND SO RED ARMSTRONG WAS BLASTED OUT OF THE CRIME PICTURE... AND BIG BEN YAEGER TOOK OVER!

BLAM!

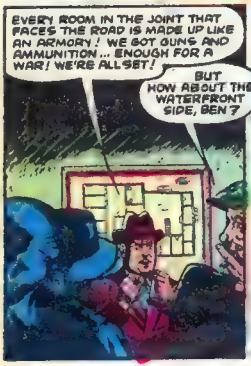
AND, AFTER THE BODY WAS WEIGHTED DOWN BY CEMENT BLOCKS AND DUMPED INTO THE EAST RIVER...

...THE NEW CHIEF OUTLINED HIS PLAN...

I'M BUYIN' A HOTEL ON THE WATERFRONT OUT ON LONG ISLAND! WE'LL MAKE IT AN ARMED CAMP WITH EVERYTHING WE NEED TO FIGHT OFF THE POLICE IF THEY *DO* TRY TO TAKE US! I'LL RUN THE JOINT WITH ENOUGH STUFF TO TAKE CARE OF US FOR A YEAR!

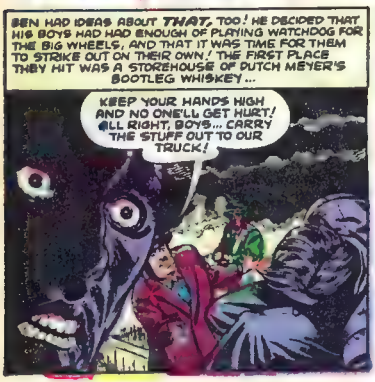
THE NEXT STEP IN BEN'S PLAN WAS TO BUY A HOTEL ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND, ABOUT FIFTY MILES FROM NEW YORK...
IT'S ALL OURS, BOYS! TAKE OVER AND RELAX! PROF, YOU'RE THE MANAGER... SO GO AHEAD AND MANAGE!
YES SIR, MR. YAEGER! LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!

THE REGULAR GUESTS WERE EVICTED AND BEN'S NEW MOB MOVED IN! YOUNG HOODS WERE TAKEN ON AS THUG HELP! PLENTY OF FOOD AND DRINK WAS STORED; ALL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROF. HOSPECKER, THE "BRAINY" TYPE...
REMEMBER... ANY OUTSIDERS COME IN HERE, WE HAVE NO ROOM! THIS PLACE IS ONLY FOR THE BOYS! BUT IT'S GOT TO BE RUN AS A REGULAR HOTEL TO FOOL THE LAW!


EVERY ROOM IN THE JOINT THAT FACES THE ROAD IS MADE UP LIKE AN ARMORY! WE GOT GUNS AND AMMUNITION... ENOUGH FOR A WAR! WE'RE ALL SET!
BUT HOW ABOUT THE WATERFRONT SIDE, BEN?

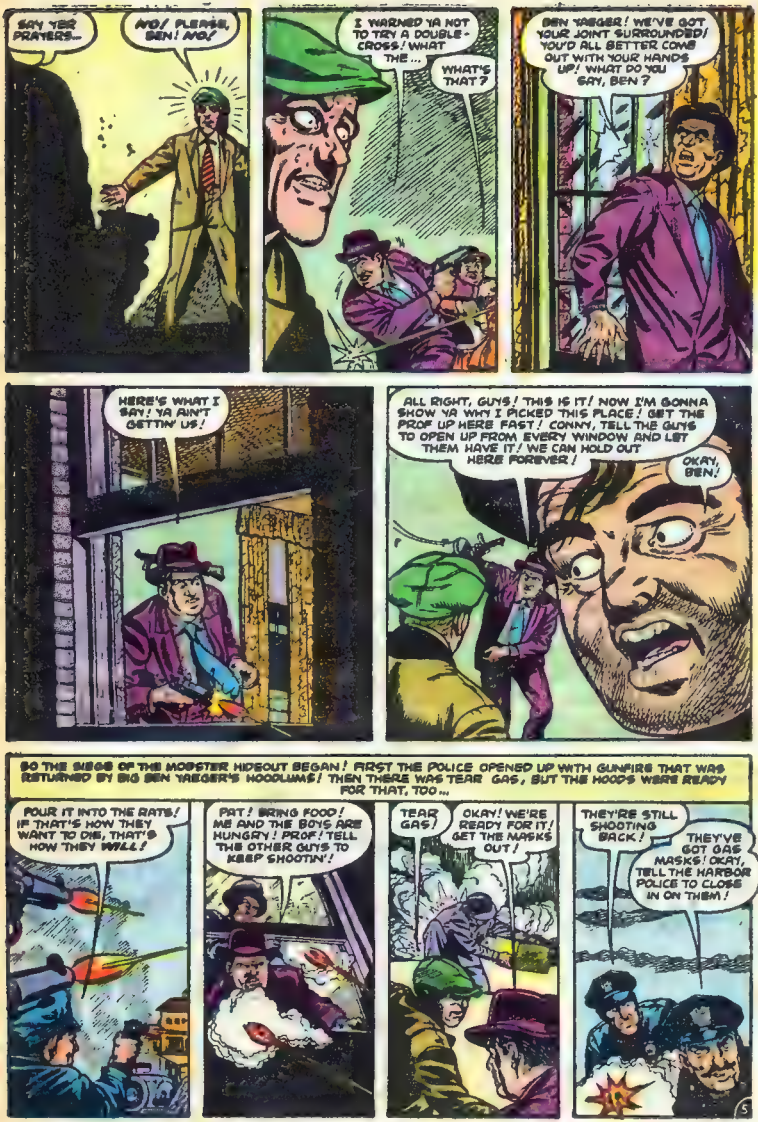
DYNAMITE! I'VE GOT IT PLANTED RIGHT ON OUR DOCK! WHAT A HOTFOOT THE COPS'LL GET IF THEY TRY TO LAND HERE!

YESSIR, BOYS, I'M TAKIN' CARE OF YOU AS WELL AS MYSELF! I SAID I'D PROTECT YOU, AND I AM!
'YA DONE GOOD, BEN! NOW HOW ABOUT RAISIN' SOME OF THE GREEN STUFF?


BEN HAD IDEAS ABOUT THAT, TOO! HE DECIDED THAT HIS BOYS HAD HAD ENOUGH OF PLAYING WATCHDOG FOR THE BIG WHEELS, AND THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THEM TO STRIKE OUT ON THEIR OWN! THE FIRST PLACE THEY HIT WAS A STOREHOUSE OF DUTCH MEYER'S BOOTLEG WHISKEY...
KEEP YOUR HANDS HIGH AND NO ONE'LL GET HURT! ALL RIGHT, BOYS... CARRY THE STUFF OUT TO OUR TRUCK!

BOTH THE POLICE AND RIVAL MOBSTERS WERE ALERTED BY YAEGER'S BOLD ACTION...
NOTIFY ALL PRECINCTS! GET THE YAEGER MOB!
WE GOTTA STOP THAT MUG BEFORE HE RUNS US ALL INTO THE GROUND!

EVERY TIME THE CHASE GOT HOT, THE YAEGER MOB VANISHED INTO LONG ISLAND AND THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOTEL...
THE MOBS DON'T KNOW THEIR WAY OUTA BROOKLYN, AND THE POLICE CAN'T FIGURE WHERE SUCH A BIG GANG CAN HIDE OUT! SO WE'RE AS SAFE AS BUGS IN A RUG!
YOU SURE GOT IT ALL FIGURED, BEN!
YEAH! AND I GOT SOMETHING ELSE FIGURED, TOO! YA BEEN THINKING OF PULLIN' A DOUBLE-CROSS AN' TAKIN' OVER THE MOB!
NO, BEN... NO! HONEST! I'M YER PAL! I WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT!
YA BETTER NOT, SEE?
S-SURE, BEN! WHO'D WANNA CROSS YOU?
BUT LEW AMBROSSIO DID HAVE A YEN FOR BEN'S POWER! SO HE DECIDED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL...
NEVER MIND WHO THIS IS! YA WANT BIG BEN YAEGER? HIM AND HIS WHOLE MOB'S HIDING OUT AT THE GOLDEN WAVE HOTEL... BUT WATCH YER STEP! HE'S GOT AN ARSENAL IN THERE...AND THE DOCK'S LOADED WITH T.N.T.!
THINK IT'S A PHONY, CAPTAIN?
WE CAN'T PASS IT UP! ALERT ALL SQUADS! EVERY MAN AVAILABLE! GET GUNS, TEAR GAS, EVERYTHING! AND DON'T FORGET THE SHORE POLICE... WE'LL NEED POLICE BOATS!
HELLO, LEW! WHO YA BEEN CALLIN'?
J-JUST CALLED MY MOTHER! SHE'S SICK! I GOTTA GO SEE HER!
SEND HER FLOWERS, YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME WHERE I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU!
I... I CAN'T! MY MOTHER'S DYIN, I TELL YA! I GOTTA GO SEE HER!
YOU DON'T DO NOTHIN' EXCEPT WHAT I TELL YA! NOW GET INTA THAT ELEVATOR! WE'RE GOIN' UPSTAIRS!


SAY YER PRAYERS...
NO! PLEASE, BEN! NO!
I WARNED YA NOT TO TRY A DOUBLE-CROSS! WHAT THE...
WHAT'S THAT?
BEN YAEGER! WE'VE GOT YOUR JOINT SURROUNDED! YOU'D ALL BETTER COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP! WHAT DO YOU SAY, BEN?
HERE'S WHAT I SAY! YA AIN'T GETTIN' US!
ALL RIGHT, GUYS! THIS IS IT! NOW I'M GONNA SHOW YA WHY I PICKED THIS PLACE! GET THE POOP UP HERE FAST! CONNY, TELL THE GUYS TO OPEN UP FROM EVERY WINDOW AND LET THEM HAVE IT! WE CAN HOLD OUT HERE FOREVER!
OKAY, BEN!
SO THE SIEGE OF THE MOBSTER HIDEOUT BEGAN! FIRST THE POLICE OPENED UP WITH GUNFIRE THAT WAS RETURNED BY BIG BEN YAEGER'S HOODLUMS! THEN THERE WAS TEAR GAS, BUT THE HOODS WERE READY FOR THAT, TOO...
POUR IT INTO THE RATS! IF THAT'S HOW THEY WANT TO DIE, THAT'S HOW THEY WILL!
PAT! BRING FOOD! ME AND THE BOYS ARE HUNGRY! PROF! TELL THE OTHER GUYS TO KEEP SHOOTIN'!
TEAR GAS!
OKAY! WE'RE READY FOR IT! GET THE MASKS OUT!
THEY'RE STILL SHOOTING BACK!
THEY'VE GOT GAS MASKS! OKAY, TELL THE HARBOR POLICE TO CLOSE IN ON THEM!

EVERY WINDOW OF THE HOTEL WAS ABLAZE WITH GUNFIRE AS THE EMBATTLED GANGSTERS DARED TO DECLARE ALL-OUT WARFARE ON THE LAW!

BEN! CONGO SAYS THAT THE HARBOR POLICE ARE COMING UP TO THE BACK BY WAY OF THE WATER!

LET 'EM COME! THAT T.N.T. WILL BLOW 'EM SKY-HIGH! I'LL GO AROUND AND WATCH THE FIREWORKS!

THEY AIN'T COMIN' IN CLOSE, BOSS! AND THEY AIN'T SHOOTIN'! THEY'RE JUST LAYIN' THERE!

I'LL MAKE 'EM COME IN! LEMME AT THAT WINDOW!

THAT'LL GET 'EM MAD AN' BRING 'EM UP CLOSE TO TRY AN' GET ME! AN' WHEN THEY DO...

BUT THE HARBOR POLICE OPENED UP A HEAVY CHARGE FROM A DECK GUN...

WHAT THE... OUR GUN DIDN'T MAKE THAT EXPLOSION!

LOOKS LIKE THEY SET A TRAP FOR US... AND IT BACKFIRED!

BOOM!

HARBOR POLICE

I'M ON FIRE! MY FACE! MY HANDS! HELP ME!

BUT THERE WAS NO HELP FOR THE DYING MOBSTER WHO HAD FALLEN INTO HIS OWN TRAP! THE MAD DOG WHO HAD VOWED HIS MEN WOULD NEVER BE TAKEN... BUT WHO DIDN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT HOW WRONG HE WAS...

FOR THE HOTEL HE HAD BOUGHT AS A HIDEOUT NOW TURNED INTO A HUGE FUNERAL PYRE AS IT BURNED TO THE GROUND... AND NOT A SINGLE MOBSTER SURVIVED THE SIEGE!

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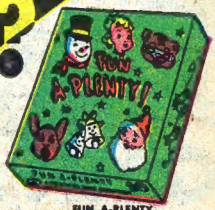

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